City of Seattle
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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Dear Friends:

Over the last few years, we have all witnessed the impact that information technology is having on our region. Access to computers and the Internet, the influence of the IT industry on our local economy, and the role that technology plays in building and connecting our communities are all important issues that Seattle must grapple with everyday.

Seattle is in a unique position among cities to not just react to technology changes, but to shape those changes. We have an opportunity not just to envision the future, but to create that future. In order to do this, we need to be clear about what our goals are as a city, and we need data that tells us how we are doing in meeting those goals.

It is with that in mind, that I am pleased to introduce the *2000 – 2001 Information Technology Indicators for a Healthy Community*. This report marks the first-ever effort to measure the impact of information technology on the health of our city. Through an extensive public process, we have created a measurement tool that reflects the joint vision of citizens, businesses, and government for a technologically healthy community.

I hope those in all sectors will join me in using this report to reflect on our use of information technology. By working together, we can ensure that Seattle forges ahead as a technologically innovative city with vibrant, sustainable digital opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

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